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Ara HOVANESESIAN et al. )  
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Serial No.: not yet assigned ) Group Art Unit: 1645  
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For: A NOVEL CELL SURFACE )  
RECEPTOR FOR HIV )  
RETROVIRUSES, THERAPEUTIC )  
AND DIAGNOSTIC USES )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of this continuation application, Applicants request that the Office amend the claims as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel ~~claims 1-23.~~

Please add new claims 24-26 as follows:

--24. A purified HIV receptor comprising the P95/nucleolin, P40/PHAPII and P30/PHAPI proteins.

25. The purified HIV receptor of ~~claim 1~~, wherein said receptor binds to an envelope protein of HIV.

26. The purified HIV receptor of ~~claim 24~~, wherein the receptor binds to the V3 loop of said HIV envelope protein.--

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